

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please delete Figure 8B and add Figures 9-11 (submitted herewith).

Please delete Figures 1C and 1F and renumber Figures 1D and 1E as Figures 1C and 1D, respectively.

Please renumber Figure 7 as Figures 7A (line graph) and 7B (inset bar graph).

REMARKS

The title has been amended so that it is more descriptive of the claimed invention. The amended title is supported by the specification in its entirety and the claims. Accordingly, the amendment of the title does not introduce new matter.

The specification was amended (i) to change the reference to Figure 8A to Figure 8 on pages 7 and 51 of the specification, (ii) to delete the description of Figure 8B and the flowcharts on pages 39, 43 and 45, (iii) to insert brief descriptions of Figures 9-11 in the section entitled "Brief Description of the Drawings," (iv) to delete reference to Figure 8B on page 51 of the specification, (v) to add references to Figures 9-11 as appropriate in the specification, (vi) to insert sequence identification numbers with respect to Figure 2, (vii) to insert a missing parenthesis, (viii) to correct a typographical error, and (ix) to reflect the cancellation of Figures 1C and 1F and the relabeling of Figures 1D, 1E and 7. Figures 1C and 1F have been cancelled as unnecessary to the understanding and practice of the invention. The content of Figures 1C and 1F is described in the specification at page 37, for example. Figures 1D and 1E, thus, have been relabeled as Figures 1C and 1D, respectively. Figure 7 contains an inset and, therefor, has been relabeled as Figures 7A (line graph) and 7B (inset). The deletion of Figure 8B does not affect the sufficiency of the disclosure inasmuch as what is represented in Figure 8B is described in the specification at page 51, lines 22-26. The addition of Figures 9-11 does not constitute new matter inasmuch as Figures 9-11 correspond to the flowcharts originally set forth on pages 39, 43 and 45, respectively, of the instant specification.


Claims 1-19 have been canceled and claims 20-27 have been added. Claims 20-27 serve to point out more particularly and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention as supported by the specification at, for example, page 3, lines 30-33, page 5, lines 8-15, page 5, line 31, through page 6, line 4, page 9, lines 16-22, page 11, line 23, through page 12, line 10, page 12, lines 16-19, page 14, lines 2-7, page 18, lines 16-36, page 20, lines 26-33, page 21, lines 6-15, page 21, line 23, through page 22, line 20 *et seq*, page 26, line 33, through page 27, line 5, page 27, lines 23 *et seq*, and page 28, line 15,

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through page 35, line 9, and by Examples 1, 4, 5 and 6. Therefore, no new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

The application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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